



## **Governor's Youth Commission Meeting Minutes**

**October 10, 2007**

3:30p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Arizona State Capitol

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A regular meeting of the Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) was convened on October 10, 2007 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room at the Arizona State Capitol, 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Governor's Youth Commission:

<b>Members Present</b>		
Ashley Applebee	Kunal Mangal	Smitha Ramakrishna
Alice Cai	Ty McBride	Casey Rice
Andres Cano	Brandon McClelland	Anthony Rivera
Andrew Conlogue	Aaron McGuire	Kimberly Roland
Trent Dale	Alexis McKenzie	Branden Shipley
Hannah Hunter	Amber McKenzie	Nilo Thomas
Pranav Kelkar	Hannah Nunez	Abigail Wells
Reyna Kontos	Vicki Peng	June Yoon
Basil Latif	Patrick Phelps	
Natalie Lucas	Sarah Poplin	

<b>Staff/Guests Present</b>	<b>Members Absent</b>
Christopher Bodington	William Gammon
Tammy Paz-Combs	Alison Goulder
Lindsey Ashmore	Yasmine Hafiz
Regeanna Mwansa	Chris Kleminich
Briana Kreibich	Sabra Nuel
Jessica White	Patrick McNeel
Michelle Neitch	Alysha Rivera
	Adam Zeldin

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Kimberly Roland called the meeting to order at 3:36 P.M. with twenty-eight (28) members present, six (6) staff and one (1) guest.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

Christopher Bodington welcomed the GYC members and asked each commissioner to introduce himself/herself.

**C. Review of Agenda**

Chair Kimberly Roland reviewed the agenda with the commissioners.

**D. Team Building Exercise**

Christopher Bodington led a team building exercise called “The Great Divide.” In the activity, groups of four people attempted to cross the room in a line while simultaneously touching each other’s feet. Participants were penalized if they broke the link, making it harder to coordinate their movement. Christopher explained that the purpose of the exercise was to demonstrate the importance of working together and communicating. Although unforeseen obstacles may arise, as symbolized by the penalties, it is essential that the commissioners find ways to overcome them in order to achieve their ultimate goal.

**E. Robert Rules Review**

Christopher Bodington reviewed the basics of Robert Rules of Order with the commissioners, giving a basic overview of how to conduct a meeting. He asked the commissioners to refer to a handout if they had any questions regarding the proper terms to use.

**F. Approval of July Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chair Ty McBride requested a review of the July 24, 2007 and July 25, 2007 GYC meeting minutes. The following changes were identified:

- The name Smitha was misspelled in the July 24, 2007 meeting minutes.

Kunal Mangal moved to make the identified change to the July 24, 2007 meeting minutes. Natalie Lucas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.01)**

The commissioners then reviewed the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes. The following changes were identified:

- The name Smitha was misspelled in the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes.

Natalie Lucas moved to make the identified change to the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes. Amber McKenzie seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.02)**

**G. Approval of Committee Changes**

Vice-Chair Ty McBride led a discussion on approving committee changes that occurred during the months of August, September and October.

*Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee*

Vice-Chair Ty McBride and Christopher Bodington explained to the commissioners that the Media Committee decided to dissolve and form the Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee. Christopher pointed out that there was no need for a Media Committee because the Underage

Drinking Prevention Policy Committee was already working on a statewide media campaign. Since the GYC would be taking a bigger role in planning and executing Youth Leadership Day, the commissioners of the former Media Committee voted to create it.

The following commissioners self-nominated themselves in September onto the Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee: Nilo Thomas, Reyna Kontos, Andres Cano, Kimberly Roland, Hannah Nunez, Alexis McKenzie, Aaron McGuire, Abigail Wells, Hannah Hunter, and Basil Latif. Andres Cano was nominated and approved as committee chair.

Natalie Lucas moved to approve the dissolution of the Media Committee, the creation of the Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee, the above listed commissioners as members, and Andres Cano as chair of the committee. Amber McKenzie seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.03)**

Kunal Mangal moved to enter into a period of self-nomination for the committee. Natalie Lucas seconded the motion. Ashley Applebee, Vicki Peng, Natalie Lucas, Andrew Conlogue, and Reyna Kontos nominated themselves onto the committee. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.04)**

#### *2007-2008 Planning Committee, Underage Drinking Policy Committee, Arizona Youth Survey Committee*

Vice-Chair Ty McBride explained that several commissioners were not able to attend the July 24, 2007 and July 25, 2007 meetings. Christopher Bodington allowed those commissioners to join committees in order to participate in GYC activities. Ty McBride read the list of commissioners who joined a committee after the July meeting:

##### 2007-2008 Planning Committee

- Trent Dale
- Basil Latif
- Vicki Peng

##### Underage Drinking Policy Committee

- Andres Cano
- Pranav Kelkar
- Basil Latif
- Vicki Peng
- Casey Rice

##### Arizona Youth Survey Committee

- Anthony Rivera

Kunal Mangal moved to approve the above listed commissioners as members of their respective committees. Andrew Conlogue seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.05)**

## **H. GYC Meeting Dates**

Chair Kimberly Roland led a discussion on setting a date for the third GYC meeting in January. Several dates were proposed during a short discussion. Kunal Mangal moved to set Friday, January 11, 2008 as

the next scheduled GYC meeting. Smitha Ramakrishna seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.06)**

Hannah Hunter moved to table discussion on setting a date for the April 2008 GYC meeting. Andrew Conlogue seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.07)**

**I. Arizona Youth Survey**

Michelle Neitch, from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, briefly reviewed the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS). She explained to the commissioners that the AYS is a statewide survey which is administered to 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Participants are asked questions regarding attitudes and behaviors towards alcohol and drugs, as well as other types of risky behavior. Schools are randomly selected in order to collect data that is representative of the entire state. Although the AYS is exempt from requiring parent permission slips, students can decline to take the survey. The information, which is used to compile local, county, and state reports on substance abuse levels, is strictly confidential.

Following her presentation, Michelle answered questions from the commissioners.

**J. ARMPY Update**

Christopher Bodington gave an update on the Alcohol Retailer Mapping in Proximity to Youth (ARMPY) grant. He explained that the grant was re-released non-competitively at the beginning of September, and five applications were received by the September 28, 2007 deadline. Christopher and Lindsey Ashmore would be reviewing the applications, alongside commissioners Adam Zeldin and Abigail Wells. Although the grant was released non-competitively, Christopher explained that it is important to review each application in order to ask for any clarifications. Commissioners Adam and Abigail will be reporting out on the potential sub-grantees at the next GYC meeting in January.

**K. Report Out From Orlando**

Commissioners Andres Cano and Kunal Mangal reported out on their trip to Orlando, Florida for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Leadership Conference. Andres described how the conference held several workshops on underage drinking prevention, law enforcement methods, and community outreach. A variety of youth led workshops were available, including the GYC workshop titled *Pay it Forward: Go Lead Our World!* Kunal explained what their workshop was about, and how they conducted it. Although they had to overcome some obstacles, such as making last minute changes to make it more youth friendly, the presentation went extremely well. Participants learned how to conduct their own workshops, and many were given GYC toolkits to use and plan their own events. A total of 250 people attended the workshop.

**L. C.U.B. Update**

Christopher Bodington congratulated Commissioner Sabra Nuel for being the first GYC member to participate in a Covert Underage Buyer (C.U.B.) detail. Christopher told the commissioners how Sabra went into an on-sale alcohol retailer in Tempe and successfully bought an alcoholic product. Following the purchase, an undercover police officer who accompanied Sabra cited the retailer for three different violations. Christopher encouraged the commissioners to apply to the C.U.B. program, stating that it is a good way for youth to not only participate in underage drinking prevention efforts, but also to learn about law enforcement.

**M. Committee Meetings**

Commissioners broke up into their three committees. Committee Chairs Nilo Thomas (Underage Drinking Policy Committee), Andres Cano (Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee) and Natalie Lucas (Arizona Youth Survey Committee) led discussions in their respective areas.

**N. Break**

Abigail Wells moved to recess the meeting at 5:35 P.M. Smitha Ramakrishna seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.08)**

**O. Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee Update**

Chair Andres Cano reported out on what the Youth Leadership Day Planning Committee discussed during their meeting. Commissioners agreed on the following:

1. Enjoyed from Previous Youth Leadership Day
  - a. Good food.
  - b. Vegetarian options.
  - c. Governor's presence.
  - d. Options on workshops.
  - e. Opportunity to meet with elected officials.
  - f. Opening session.
  - g. Good location.
2. Needs improvement
  - a. Youth Councils need to talk more.
  - b. Better workshops.
  - c. Stronger networking sessions.
  - d. Better networking sessions.
  - e. Include icebreakers and activities.
  - f. Interactive events.
  - g. Better registration process.
  - h. Include motivational speaker.
  - i. Workshops were too far away.
3. Ideas for Workshops
  - a. Media (Alexis McKenzie has Know99 contact).
  - b. Public Speaking.
  - c. Revitalizing Your Youth Council.
  - d. Grant Writing.
  - e. Leadership Skills.
  - f. Valley Teen Leadership can host a workshop.
4. Ideas for giveaways
  - a. Drawstring bags.
  - b. "Bill Becomes a Law" Document.
5. Next steps
  - a. Committee members agreed to meet on a monthly basis, and more so as Youth Leadership Day draws closer.
  - b. During the meeting, committee members decided to develop a logo exclusively for Youth Leadership Day. Sarah Poplin and Aaron McGuire agreed to work on the logo. The first draft is due in December 2007.

- c. Each committee member agreed to research potential motivational speakers for the November meeting.
- d. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2007 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Valley Teen Leadership may be invited to attend.

**P. Underage Drinking Policy Committee Update**

Chair Nilo Thomas reported out on what the Underage Drinking Policy Committee discussed during their meeting. Commissioners agreed on the following:

- 1. Relationship with R&R and Underage Drinking Media Campaign
  - a. Write op-ed articles for local newspapers (Arizona Republic, community papers, etc.).
  - b. Write articles, stories for the *Draw the Line* website.
  - c. Write a story about an alcohol related incident from a youth perspective.
  - d. Create a 30-second audio or video commercial for the *Draw the Line* website.
  - e. Visit community centers, PTA meetings, and sporting events to inform different audiences about the traveling exhibit.
  - f. Have reciprocal links between schools and the *Draw the Line* websites.
- 2. Traveling Exhibit
  - a. Sign commissioners up for timeslots as exhibit presenters.
  - b. Tell exhibit attendees different statistics that are not labeled on the exhibit.
  - c. Put fliers up at schools and community centers advertising the exhibit.
  - d. Incorporate Playback Theater into the exhibit.
- 3. Potential Exhibit locations
  - a. Festival of Lights – Ahwatukee
  - b. Arizona Hot Air Balloon Festival – Chandler
  - c. Ostrich Festival – Chandler
  - d. P.F. Chang Marathon – Prescott
  - e. Whiskey Row Marathon – Prescott
- 4. Goals
  - a. Write several op-ed articles.
  - b. Incorporate Playback Theater into the traveling exhibit.
  - c. Make the exhibit presentation.
  - d. Distribute fliers advertising the campaign.
  - e. Announce the commercial competition by December.
  - f. Contact festivals about having the exhibit.
  - g. Contact community organizations to make presentations to them regarding the media campaign.
  - h. Use media contacts and pitch articles to them about the campaign.

**Q. Arizona Youth Survey Committee**

Chair Natalie Lucas reported out on what the Arizona Youth Survey discussed during their meeting. Commissioners agreed on the following:

- 1. Areas members will recruit
  - a. Navajo – Ty McBride
  - b. San Carlos / Apache – Branden Shipley
  - c. Flagstaff – Natalie Lucas
  - d. Nogales, Patagonia, Rio Rico – Amber McKenzie
- 2. Recruitment process
  - a. Commissioners will first send a letter, then call, and then visit the school.

3. Next committee meeting
  - a. November 5, 6, 7, or 8 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
4. Meeting agenda
  - a. Review list of schools.
  - b. Review drafted letters.
  - c. Review script and recruiting process.

**R. 2007-2008 Planning Committee Update**

Chair Smitha Ramakrishna informed the commissioners that the 2007-2008 Planning Committee was looking into different issues the GYC could address following the completion of the three year commitment to underage drinking prevention. Ideas included teen pregnancy prevention, methamphetamine prevention, and positive youth development. Smitha stated that there were many possibilities, but their future commitments depend on the amount of funding the GYC is able to secure.

**S. Questions and Answers**

Christopher Bodington reviewed a conference call etiquette worksheet with the commissioners. He also answered several of their questions, including how long the GYC would be focusing on underage drinking prevention, and if commissioners would be taking a part in the grant writing process. Christopher answered that the GYC would be working on underage drinking prevention until November 2008, and that commissioners may have the opportunity to help write grants with him.

**T. Announcements**

Several announcements were made. Jessica White, Community Relations Coordinator in the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families, invited the commissioners to the *Draw the Line* underage drinking prevention media campaign kickoff on Monday, October 29, 2007 at 9:15 A.M. at Wesley Bolin Plaza. Amber McKenzie informed the commissioners she won a Community Service of the Year Award in Mesa. Smitha Ramakrishna invited the commissioners to the Digital Storytelling Youth Leadership Workshop by Shalini Kantayya on Sunday, November 18, 2007. Finally, Christopher Bodington let the commissioners know that the GYC website is up and can be found at [http://gocyf.az.gov/CYD/BRD\\_AGYC.asp](http://gocyf.az.gov/CYD/BRD_AGYC.asp).

**U. Call to Public**

Vice-Chair Ty McBride made a call to public with no response.

**V. Adjourn**

Branden Shipley moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 P.M. Natalie Lucas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed with twenty-eight (28) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) abstentions. **(07.04.09)**

Dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of August 2007  
Governor's Youth Commission  
Respectfully submitted by:  
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